CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 01/04/2025 Period start date To 31/03/2026 Period end date**

**Charity name: Grace Church Shrewsbury**

**Charity registration number: 1194775**

## Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | **The objects of the CIO are to advance the Christian faith for the public benefit in accordance with the statement of beliefs and practices of the Charity in Shrewsbury and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charity work of the charity.** |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | **1. The preaching of the Word of God and the teaching of the truths of Christian Doctrines.**<br>**2. Regular meetings for worship, prayer, teaching, and fellowship; outreach to the locality; and involvement in world mission.**<br>**3. The observance of the ordinance of Believer's Baptism by immersion on personal confession of faith.**<br>**4. The commemoration of the Lord's death in the Breaking of Bread on the first day of the week in so far as circumstances allow.**<br>**5. The reception as members of the church of all believers known to be sound in faith and giving satisfactory evidence of being godly in life.**<br>**6. The conducting of meetings for worship under the guidance of the Holy Spirit with opportunity for the exercise in the church of all true gifts for edification subject to the Lordship of Christ.** |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | **All trustees are aware of and adhere to all the guidelines as issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.** |

**Additional information (optional)**
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | **Volunteers (unpaid) are involved in all services and outreach activities.** |

## Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20 | **The church body has continued to grow in number with approximately 200 adults connecting with the church in some way. Attendance at Sunday meetings remains consistent with approximately 120 children and adults. The church has seen another increase in the number of Youth participating in activities within the church and now has a well-established group who continue to invite and bring others to events. The numbers of children attending have also increased. The church continues to provide support to many individuals in the local community, some of whom, are now part of the church family. Regular fun days for children and entertainment evenings are well-attended. Weekly drop-in sessions and the provision of food and household items are now well established, and frequently visited. Connections and relationships are now also well established with other faith groups and community hubs in the locale. The church continues to provide volunteers and finance in all of the areas mentioned.** |

## Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | **The charity had an income of £91,110 and expenditure of £92,011 for the year 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026. The net deficit for the year was £901.**<br><br>**Gift Aid was claimed in this financial period and amounted to £13,487 (included in income above).**<br><br>**Income is above the £25,000 threshold so accounts have been independently examined by TCA Accountants and Business Advisors, 21 St.Mary's Street, 3rd Floor, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY1 1ED.** |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | **The charity considers all income as unrestricted as there is now a well-established income stream from donations. This means that money is freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes.**<br><br>**The charity has an established a Reserves Policy of holding a minimum of three months operating expenses.** |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | **Unrestricted funds at 31/03/2026– £83,243** |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | **N/A** |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | **None** |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | **None** |

**Additional information (optional)**
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | **All monies received were by way of donations by attendees of the church.** |

## Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | **The CIO is governed by its constitution.** |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)** |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | **New community church established by the trustees of the church.**<br><br>**Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.**<br><br>**In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.** |

## Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Grace Church Shrewsbury |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1194775 |
| Charity's principal address | 3 Sharpstones Lane,<br>Bayston Hill,<br>Shrewsbury,<br>Shropshire<br>SY3 0AN |
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**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
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| 1 | Helen Ruth Hotchkiss | | | |
| 2 | Terence Roy Hotchkiss | | | |
| 3 | Catherine Denise Fletcher | | | |
| 4 | Kevin Paul Hall | | | |
| 5 | Helen Littleover | | 17/03/26 - 31/03/26 | |
| 6 | George Andrew Faichney | | | |
| 7 | Elizabeth Majella O'Dwyer | | | |
| 8 | Paul Wyatt | | 3/03/25 – 26/01/26 | |

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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| **None** | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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| **None** | | |
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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | None |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | None |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | None |

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

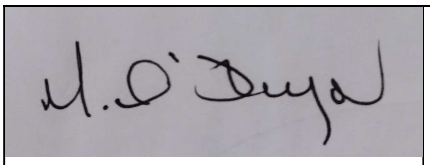
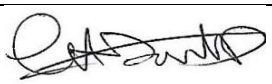
**Not applicable**

## Other optional information

## Declarations

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

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| **Signature(s)** |  |  |
| **Full name(s)** | Elizabeth Majella O'Dwyer | George Andrew Faichney |
| **Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)** | Trustee | Trustee |
| **Date** | 23/07/2026 | |